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PETITION TO WITHDRAW HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT

SIR:

Applicant hereby petitions to have the holding of abandonment dated December 3, 2003 for the above-identified patent application withdrawn in view of the following facts:

The Notice to File Missing Parts of NonProvisional Application mailed August 15, 2001 setting a two-month response period was received by Applicants' Attorney.

In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of NonProvisional Application, a response dated October 15, 2001 addressed to the Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231, Box Missing Parts, was mailed to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office Mail Room on October 15, 2001. The Patent Office was authorized to charge deposit account 11-0600 for the 37 CFR 1.16(e) surcharge fee. The response included a Response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of NonProvisional Application, a Declaration, and a Power of Attorney. The Response had a certificate of mailing dated October 15, 2001 and was signed by Applicant's Attorney. A return receipt post card was also included.

Kenyon and Kenyon's Outgoing Mail Log and Report of Action Completed covering the date of October 15, 2001 recorded this mailing.

A post card receipt date stamped by the Patent and Trademark Office Mail Room was not received by the Applicant.

Copies of the Notice of Abandonment, the Response to Notice to File Missing Parts of NonProvisional Application - Filing Date Granted, Declaration, Power of Attorney, Outgoing Mail Log from Kenyon and Kenyon and Report of Action Completed are attached.

In light of the above, it is respectfully submitted that a Response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of NonProvisional Application Office Action mailed August 15, 2001 was timely filed in the Patent Office. It is therefore respectfully requested that the abandonment be withdrawn and the application passed to the Examiner for action.

It is believed that no fee is necessary in connection with this Petition. However, should a fee be required, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

This Petition is submitted in duplicate.

Respectfully submitted,

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